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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Howard E. Preissman

Application No.: 10/039,892

Filed: October 26, 2001

Examiner: Michael B. Priddy

Art Unit: 8727

**RESPONSE**

For: **HIGH PRESSURE APPLICATOR**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 18, 2003, Applicant elects Species E, Figs. 11-12c without traverse. At least claims 1-4, 15-27 and 38-42 read thereon.

Applicant also hereby requests a 2 month extension of time.

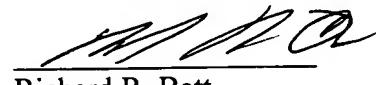
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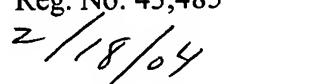
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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Date

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPTIONAL TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FEB 23 2004 RECEIVED U.S. PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE</p> <p>[Applicant claims small entity status. 37 CFR 1.27]</p>		Application No.: 10/039,892																																																																																																																				
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